

## **DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE**

December 3, 2004

Ms. Alva Smith
Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR 5612

VIA FACSIMILE (202-219-3923) AND US MAIL

Dear Ms. Smith:

Pursuant to our discussion earlier today, I am writing on behalf of the DNC Services Corporation/Democratic National Committee, to request a 15-day extension to reply to the above-referenced MUR in which the DNC Services Corporation/Democratic National Committee is named as a respondent.

On Tuesday, November 30, 2004, DNC Services Corporation/Democratic National Committee received a letter containing supplemental information regarding MUR 5612. At that time, however, we had not received a copy of the original complaint. The receipt of the supplemental information was the first notice we had of the complaint. Upon notification, you kindly faxed a copy of the original complaint to my attention on Wednesday, December 1, 2004. In the meantime, the original complaint arrived at the DNC on Wednesday, December 1, 2004.

In light of the delay in receiving the original complaint, I am requesting a 15 day extension to submit a reply. If this extension is granted, our response will be due on Thursday, December 16, 2004, 15 days from the date of our receipt of the complaint.

A Designation of Counsel Statement is forthcoming. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-479-5153 or at laforgea@dnc.org.

Sincerely,

Amanda S. La Forge

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